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1. REPORT ON PERSONNEL OF THE VENEZUELAN EMBASSY IN THE USSR
2. PIERRE COT AND HIS WIFE

(1945)

From: BOGOTA

To: MOSCOW

Re: 146

17th May 1945

To VIKTOR.(1)

Copy to the 8th Department.

Herewith brief particulars of the personnel of the Venezuelan Embassy in the USSR. The source is "VENZO" a (CHABRO) (ii) wife (henceforth ")

[14 groups unrecoverable]

[272 groups unrecovered]

meet(a) intimate friends of Pierre COT(iii) and his wife(b), [18 groups unrecovered] friend of the Soviet Union. Is acquainted with

[6 groups unrecoverable]

[14 groups unrecovered]

circles in which

[22 groups unrecoverable]

.....el GABALDON(iv) (first name not accurate). Was born and brought up in an atmosphere

[14 groups unrecovered]

Jose GABALDON(v),

[20 groups unrecoverable]

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GABALDON - the son(vi) was allegedly
 [32 groups unrecovered]
 friend and supporter of the Soviet Union
 [28 groups unrecoverable]
 [27 groups unrecovered]

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PROKHOR(vii)

Notes: [a] or "meets".

[b] or "... intimate friends, Pierre COT and his wife,".

Comments: [i] VIKTOR: Lt. Gen. P.M. PITIN.

[ii] CHABRO: Gustavo MACHADO.

[iii] Pierre COT: COT was French Minister for Air from 1933 to 1938; a member of the Consultative Assembly of the French Committee of National Liberation, ALGIERS, from autumn 1943; and subsequently a member of the Consultative Assembly, PARIS.

By 1st July 1942 COT had been allocated the covername "DAEDALUS" in NEW YORK MGB traffic (S/NSR/T1532); the BOGOTA resident, ANTIPOV (see Comment [vii]), was seemingly unaware of this. No other references to COT/DAEDALUS are known outside the NEW YORK and SAN FRANCISCO lanes, but his mistress (covername MARTHA) is mentioned in LONDON to MOSCOW [redacted].

[iv] ...el GABALDON: Probably General José Rafael GABALDON.

[v] José GABALDON: See Comment [iv] above.

[vi] GABALDON, the son: Margarete Roberto GABALDON, son of General José Rafael GABALDON, was posted to the Venezuelan Embassy in MOSCOW on 7th April 1945.

[vii] PROKHOR: Aleksei Prokhorovich ANTIPOV, Second Secretary, Soviet Legation in BOGOTA.

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